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1. CAMPUS STRUGGLE BETWEEN LEFTIST AND RIGHTIST GROUPS CONTINUES. CAIRO UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS STUDENT PAPER SAWT AL-GAMIA REPORTED JANUARY 13 THAT COUNCIL OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNIONS HAD PASSED RESOLUTION JANUARY 8 TO DISSOLVE ALL POLITICAL CLUBS AT UNIVERSITY. MEMBERS OF LEFTIST NASSERIST THOUGHT CLUBS, WHICH WOULD BE PRINCIPAL VICTIM OF COUNCIL'S DECISION, REPORTEDLY DEMONSTRATED AGAINST RESOLUTION AND CLASHED WITH CAIRO UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY MEMBERS WHO OPPOSE NASSERIST CLUB. ALL DAILIES JANUARY 12 REPORTED THAT CAIRO UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION HAS DECIDED TO FORM A SINGLE, NON-IDEOLOGICAL POLITICAL BLOC DIRECTLY AFFILIATED WITH THE STUDENT UNION WHICH INCLUDES ALL POLITICAL TRENDS.

2. SAWT AL-TULLAB, ORGAN OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING FACULTY STUDENTS UNION, ATTACKED RESOLUTION AS ILLEGAL. FRONT PAGE ARTICLE JANUARY 11 BY MEMBER OF BLUC SAYS RESOLUTION REFLECTS ALLIANCE BETWEEN "BRUTAL RIGHTISTS" AND THE "POLITICAL ORGANIZATION COMMAND" IN REACTION AGAINST ELECTION OS SOME NASSERISTS IN STUDENT UNION ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER. AL-TULLAB, STUDENT PAPER OF EGYPTIAN STUDENTS
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FEDERATION, IN ARTICLE PUBLISHED JANUARY 16, REPORTED THAT,

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FOLLOWING DEMONSTRATION AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY AND MARCH ON
STUDENT UNIONS COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS JANAURY 12, COUNCIL REVERSED
ITSELF AND DECLARED PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION BANNING POLITICAL
ORGANIZATIONS ILLEGAL FOR LACK OF QUORUM.

3. COMMENT:. LEFTISITS, WHO HAD ONLY MODERATE SUCCESSES IN
STUDENT UNION ELECTIONS IN MID-DECEMBER, CHARGED INTERFERENCE
IN ELECTIONS AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY AND AIN SHAMS BY ASU,
SECURITY FORCES, AND FACULTY TO SECURE ELECTION OF NON-
LEFTIST CANDIDATES. RIGHT-LEANING ISLAMIC GROUPS REPORTEDLY
SCORED HEAVILY IN MANY FACULTIES OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY.
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